

PAYDAY JOY IN PERSHING'S ARMY

Most Popular Man in Expedition Is Paymaster; Bootlegger Busy.

BY EDMUND BEHR.
Field Headquarters, Punitive Expedition, Mexico, By Airplane to Columbus, N. M., Nov. 12.—Everyone in camp is smiling today. No Pancho Villa has not been captured. Nor has the order of withdrawal come.

It's pay day.
Since early morning long lines of cavalrymen, doughboys, mule skinner and artillerymen have trailing into the paymaster's office, signed their names to the payroll and filled out with gold and silver clinking in their pockets.

This is the day of days in camp. Homeliness and petty "kicks" are temporarily forgotten when the army paymaster arrives, as he does about this time every month.

Little To Spend Money For.
Before the troops begin to fully think of the money they will receive, they must spend it. There is not much to spend it for down here. Most of it is probably flung its way to relatives or banks back in the states. Most of the soldiers who have been with the expedition since it entered Mexico have started paying accounts, against the day of their return to American soil and the celebrations that will inevitably result.

A dozen little stores scattered through the camp give the men a chance to spend some of their money. A Mormon business man and business like Chinese are the proprietors. They sell many things that appeal to soldiers' fancies—stationery, candy, tobacco, blankets, looking glasses, socks, canned preserves, chocolate, magazines, all the necessities of life.

Bootleggers, Too.
Once in a great while a "bootlegger" is able to elude the guards and make his way into camp with fire-water. Around pay day especially do the liquor vendors redouble their efforts to get into camp with their contraband undetected. If they succeed, small drinks of "pickanilly" are sold for 25 cents apiece.

The quality of the whiskey they sell is notorious, as one man said:

It makes you feel like three drinks of it would give you the power to lick a regiment.

But it is only fair to say that the number of bootleggers who have penetrated the camp are very few. Most of them are Mexicans. Several have been arrested with the "goods" on them.

At "Mysterious Table."
There is a strange coincidence connected with each pay day here. When night comes, a low voiced chorus breaks out all over the camp. Groups of men cluster about rough tables, over which a blanket spread. They gather about it five and ten deep, so there is no seeing, from the edge of the crowd, what is in progress at the center. But the musical clink of silver and gold is audible. There is a great snapping of fingers and the men bending over the tables, can be heard uttering these mysterious, cavalcade words:

"Come on, little Joe!" "Git him, seben!" "Baby needs a pair of shoes!" "Eighteen from Docastor!" "Don't you fall me, Big Dick!" "Git every sheep in de fold!" "Read 'em and weep!" "Dat's it, natural!"

For a week after pay day this goes on every night, then gradually the groups thin out. By the middle of the month all is quiet at night around the tables.

The Most Popular Man.
Ask any soldier who the most popular man in the army is and his answer will never vary—the paymaster. While that universally popular figure is in camp, there is an air of peace and contentment that is not so noticeable at any other time of the month. The camp today is full of that spirit. Next week we'll all be broke, the boys say, now our pockets are jingling merrily. So "we should worry."

SAYS MEXICO CITY IS FREE FROM SUFFERING
"When I left the City of Mexico a week ago there was not the slightest sign of trouble," said J. P. Pollin, a banker of Hermosillo, Son., who arrived in El Paso this morning. "There seemed to be plenty of money in sight, both gold and silver, and so far as I could see, there was none of the suffering regarding which there is so much published in the American newspapers."

It was told before leaving that Gen. Calles was proceeding up to the west coast with an army which would reinforce the Carrancistas army now operating in Sonora and Sonora and I was assured that Gen. Murguía who, I am informed, has been named as the successor of Gen. Jacinto Treviño as commander of the Carrancista forces in the states of Durango, Coahuila and Durango, was taking with him a force large enough to put down banditry in the territory supposed to be overrun by Villa.

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VILLA IN MANY PLACES AT ONCE

Each Villista Band Claims to Have the Chief; Puzzles Carrancistas.

BY EDMUND BEHR.
Field Headquarters, Punitive Expedition, Mex., by motor truck train to Columbus, N. M., Nov. 12.—Pancho Villa has found a new way to mystify his enemies, the Carrancistas, and deceive them as to his personal movements. Mexicans arriving here from the country to the south in which Villa's bandits are operating, have brought the story to headquarters of the guerrilla's newest strategy.

The arrivals say Villa has instructed all his subordinate commanders to spread the news through the country that he is with their particular band. As there are no less than a dozen bands varying in size from 50 to 200 men and operating in different portions of western Chihuahua, the scheme effectually conceals Villa's whereabouts.

"Villa Is Everywhere."
One group of bandits, for instance, rides into Temosachic after dark and takes all the provisions to be found in the village. As they go about their looting, each in turn tells the frightened townspeople that Villa himself is with them. None of the natives is told enough to go out and see for himself whether the statement is true.

At the same time another band of raiders is robbing a village 50 miles south of Temosachic. These bandits tell the villagers the same story. This may be repeated in half a dozen towns the same night. Result: Next day Treviño at Chihuahua City, or Gen. Pershing here, is notified that Villa has been in six widely separated villages on the same night. And the chances are that he has really not been in any of them.

Answers Double Purpose.
Besides protecting Villa from discovery, this ruse adds strength to the bandit groups using it. The very name of the outlaw is enough to terrorize the peaceful villagers who hear it, and all idea of resistance to the looters, who may be less than 50 strong, disappears.

The few male civilians who venture out of their homes to get a look at the bandit chieftain are promptly made prisoners by the raiders and carried off to serve under Villa—or face the firing squad.

Gen. Pershing remarked today that this stratagem is the main cause of the numerous conflicting reports of Villa's movements which reach the border.

No Reliable Reports.
"There is no such thing," said the general, "as an absolutely reliable and accurate report of Villa's whereabouts. There are times, of course, when Mexican soldiers who have actually seen Villa in a certain place make known the fact, but by the time the information travels 200 miles overland to me, it is almost certain Villa is somewhere else."

He works the same way, I imagine, in reaching Gen. Treviño.

Although Carrancistas and Villistas have clashed several times in the last two weeks, none of the former can say positively that they have seen Villa. But they have always thought he was in personal command of every engagement. This may account for the bandits coming away victorious on nearly every occasion.

Gen. Fox has lost none of his cunning, and his bite is more deadly than ever, is the way the Mexicans describe Villa.

BULGER GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE
Sentence of Execution as Result of Murder Is Commuted; Ends Long Fight.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 12.—The sentence of James C. Bulger, a soldier of fortune, who was to have been executed during the present week for the murder of Lloyd C. Nicodemus, of Denver, was commuted to life imprisonment today by Gov. George A. Carlson, on the recommendation of the state board of pardons.

Bulger, founder of Bulger City, Colo., was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to be hanged for the shooting, May 5, 1914, of Nicodemus, a hotel proprietor. His battle for life in the courts has extended over a period of nearly two years and several times the date of execution was extended.

Nicodemus was shot, following a quarrel between Bulger and some patrons of the hotel, but his wound has been contended Bulger was intoxicated. His defense was based on grounds of insanity.

Military Career Varied.
Bulger's career as a military man was varied. He served in the Spanish-American war, and later was an officer in the Philippine constabulary. He participated in revolutions in Guatemala, Honduras, Peru and Mexico. In the latter country he served as colonel under the late Madero. He also served in the Carranza revolution.

In 1912 Bulger gained notoriety for having "shot up" Bulger City, Colo. Later he shot and wounded J. R. Franklin, a private in the United States army at El Paso, Texas.

The sentence of death returned by a jury in district court was affirmed October 4, 1915, by the state supreme court, which refused a rehearing. Appeal was then taken to the state parole board, which refused to intervene.

Sanity Examination Held.
On November 2, just before the time originally fixed for Bulger's execution.

SAVS PEENS ARE ALL THE SAME

British Mining Man Declares Desire to Fight Animates All "Istas."

Nothing but intervention of the strong hand of a second Porfirio Diaz can save Mexico, in the opinion of R. E. Dunham, a British mining man, formerly of Durango, who is registered at the Hotel Fisher.

"I worked with Mexican miners for nine years, and I have found that they despise education and the laws of hygiene," said Mr. Dunham Monday. "They have no sense of patriotism, and all that they want is enough frioles and tortillas with a generous dash of tepalcates on the side. In 20 years from now they will be to exactly the same situation as they are now. They are naturally deceitful, and their talk about their 'patria' is all piffle. I wouldn't trust any of them."

More Money, More Drink.
"The peens in the days of Diaz were better off than they are now," he continued. "Then they were paid 50 cents a day in silver—now they get \$2 a day in paper, which is virtually worthless. But even if their wages were increased in real money, their families would be worse off than they are now, for it would mean that the providers would be drunk four days out of the week instead of only on Sunday. The peens would work until they made what they were accustomed to earning, and then they would spend the rest of their time in grog shops."

What is going on down in Mexico now is not a revolution—it is merely the conflict between personal ambitions and personal jealousies, Carrancistas, Villistas, and all the other factions. There is no conception of patriotism, but fight because they like shooting better than working."

No Rights Respected.
"No rights are respected in Mexico now—either American or European. There was a time, perhaps, when English and German interests were given more consideration, but that time is gone."

"It is not for a foreigner to criticize your president, who is a worthy and thoroughly well meaning man, but I guess that I believe that he does not understand the Latin temperament. He cannot expect to handle a Mexican faction in the same way that he would deal with the ambassador from the court of St. James."

Where is the Gringo?
In August, 1915, in Avila, Durango, Mr. Dunham was "stood up" against the wall by bandits, who were unable to extort money from him. Only the intercessions of women and children saved his life. About a year later, while he was in the city of Durango, the house where he was lodging was attacked by soldiers, and cries of "Where is the gringo?" were heard outside. Mr. Dunham "lay low," and the bandits did not pursue the argument.

Mr. Dunham has visited practically all the principal cities of the globe, and has crossed the Atlantic ocean 25 times each way. He is planning to leave in a few days for Bolivia, where he will engage in the tin mining business.

The state supreme court ordered a hearing regarding his sanity. The hearing was protracted, and twice an extension of time was granted for its completion. The jury found Bulger sane.

Bulger's first extension of time for execution was granted by the supreme court from the week beginning November 5 to the week beginning January 2, 1916. This was to permit the hearing into his sanity. Two extensions were again granted, and after the hearing the week beginning February 1 was fixed for the execution. Finally the supreme court was asked to review the hearing conducted in the district court, and pending action on this motion, the time of execution was extended to May 21. Action on the appeal for review was deferred.

U. S. AND MEXICO ENVOYS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS
By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—While relations with Mexico are not in a satisfactory condition, from the viewpoint of the state department, the meeting of the American and Mexican commissioners at Atlantic City will be given a further opportunity to reach a conclusion, it was stated today.

It is believed an agreement may possibly be reached, covering not only the border dispute but also the negotiation of a loan sufficient to allow Gen. Carranza to pay his troops, which would make possible the waging of a more effective campaign against the rebel bands now threatening the continuance of Carranza's power.

INQUIRE INTO FOUR ARMY DEATHS WITHIN 72 HOURS
Laredo, Tex., Nov. 12.—Army officers are investigating today the sudden deaths of four United States soldiers here within the last 72 hours. Pvt. Michael Headin of Troop I, 11th Cavalry, was found Sunday in a camp roadway, dead but without any indications of what caused his demise. It is believed he may have been suffocated.

Pvt. Paul Torrey, of the ninth infantry's supply company, was struck and killed by a train at another camp. Previously he was killed by a comrade who is believed to have been demented and who is being held for investigation.

U. S. JACKIES GO ASHORE TO FIGHT MEXICAN FLAMES
By Associated Press.
Piaetta, Mex., Nov. 12.—Sixty men from the United States gunboat Wheeling were sent ashore Sunday to fight a fire caused by lightning which struck two tanks of crude oil, with a capacity of 2,000 barrels each. Five adjoining tanks were threatened, but eventually the fire was checked.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR TO INSPECT BORDER TROOPS
New Orleans, La., Nov. 12.—Gov. Charles S. Whitman, of New York, accompanied by Mrs. Whitman, was in New Orleans today en route to Mexico. He will inspect several thousand national guardsmen of the empire state. The governor and his wife planned to return Wednesday.

TWO CAVALRY TROOPS COME
Troops C and D of the Tennessee cavalry, arrived in El Paso Saturday afternoon, and encamped west of Fort Bliss with the Tenth division cavalry.

MURDER AND BURGLARY ARE FOUND IN JURY INDICTMENTS
Indictments of the grand jury called last week in the 23rd district court returned and set for trial are: Leo P. Brandell, murderer; Charlie Lee, alias Frank Hanna, burglar; bond set at \$25,000. J. E. Edmon, burglar; bond set at \$25,000. Three indictments, each charging forgery and the possession of a forged instrument, returned against one upon a similar charge, and sentenced to a term of two years. His case went to a court of criminal appeals. The indictment of the grand jury was made pending the action of that body.

HART POND IMPROVING.
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DIES OF THROAT GASH; SAYS HE DID IT HIMSELF

Answering a call to 917 Magoffin avenue, police officers Sunday morning found J. Langford, a salesman, suffering from a wound in his throat.

He had severed the windpipe. Langford was removed to the emergency hospital, and later to the county hospital, after he would have been sewed up by police surgeon G. R. Calnan. He died Monday morning. A small knife, the blade of which was stained with blood, was found at the side of Langford, and is in charge of police officers, who are investigating the case.

Langford, in a written statement to police captain W. A. Simpson at the emergency hospital, admitted that he had cut his own throat. He was despondent. He gave the name of a sister in a convent at Laredo, Tex., as his only relative.

No disposition will be made of the remains while attempts are being made by the police to reach relatives of Langford.

PUNERAL OF L. M. WILLEROY.
The body of L. M. Willeroy, aged about 75 years, who died early Sunday morning in a local hospital, was shipped to the former home of the deceased, in Richmond, Va., Sunday night by the J. J. Kaster undertaking company. Decedent had resided in El Paso for the past five years, being employed as a civil engineer by the government.

KELLER RAMBO.
Keller Rambo, aged 23 years, died Saturday night at the home of his brother-in-law, W. J. Ayres, at Yuleta, after an illness of some time. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the chapel of the J. J. Kaster undertaking company. Burial will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

S. N. STUART.
S. N. Stuart, aged 42, died Sunday night at a local hospital following an illness of several months. The body is being held at the J. J. Kaster undertaking parlor pending receipt of advices from relatives. Stuart had resided in El Paso for some time.

Eyes Examined Properly.
Geo. D. Kendall, 725 Mesa Avenue, Makes Glasses Right.—Adv.

BOY SCOUTS COMMITTEES STILL WORKING FOR FUNDS

Councilmen of the Boy Scouts held a meeting and luncheon at Hotel Sheldon Monday at noon, and discussed the progress of the campaign for funds for the support of the organization in El Paso for the coming year.

Several of the soliciting committees went to work Monday afternoon for funds and the campaign will be continued this week until the necessary amount is raised. It is over half raised to date.

SADDLE AND BRIDLE STOLEN FROM OFFICER'S HORSE
While mounted, police officer G. G. Montgomery was making a purchase at a small store in the lower part of the city Saturday night, a saddle and bridle valued at \$25 were taken from his horse, which he left standing in front of the building. The horse was left off a short distance, the saddle and bridle were removed and the animal was then turned loose. No trace of the thieves has yet been found.

NINETY MEN TO ATTEND BIG V. M. C. A. DINNER
Ninety men have signified their intention of attending the membership campaign, a member of the M. C. A. tonight at 6:30 o'clock. J. H. Nations will preside and Rev. P. L. Knickerbocker will make the address of the evening.

Francis O'Neill will talk on "The association and the business man." R. E. French, who recently did distinguished work in the San Antonio membership campaign, will speak as an old campaigner.

Town leaders will all report and J. L. Graham, campaign manager, will give a final word.

COURT MARITAL TRIAL HAD.
Charged with drunkenness and discharging his pistol to intimidate his subordinate, Lieut. McLeod Stinson, of Sherman, Texas, a member of the Fourth Texas infantry, was placed on trial before a court martial sitting in the Federal building Monday morning. Maj. Edward Sierfoos sat in the case as judge advocate. The recommendation of the court martial must be submitted to Maj. Gen. Frederick Emston, commander of the southern division, for approval, before it is announced.

FINLEY'S BROTHER REPORTED KILLED IN PECOS ACCIDENT

Word was received in El Paso Sunday night of an accident near Pecos, Tex., in which a brother of Ivey Finley, of the city detective department, was killed. Mr. Finley left immediately for his home near Finley, Tex., following a receipt of a telegram giving the news of the accident. No details could be obtained in Sierra Blanca, Tex., although other private advices received in El Paso stated that a brother of Ivey Finley had been killed in an automobile accident.

A dispatch from Sierra Blanca, Tex., states that Mrs. Bettie Finley, town left there Monday morning for Pecos, where her brother, Dr. Finley, was killed Sunday night in an auto wreck. The dispatch adds that no particulars were available at Sierra Blanca.

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